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TAGS: OREP CGEN (EILBERG,JOSHUA)

SUBJECT: CODEL EILBERG/BELOTSERKOVSKAYA CASE

REF: STATE 131836

1. JEWISH ACTIVIST INFORMED CONSOFF EVENING OF JUNE 5 THAT BELOTSEKOVSKAYA CALLED AT MOSCOW OVIR JUNE 2 WHERE SHE WAS TOLD IN VAGUE TERMS SHE WOULD PROBABLY BE GRANTED EXIT PERMISSION WITHIN A MONTH'S TIME. APPARENTLY DISSATISFIED WITH OFFICIAL RESPONSE, SHE ADN TWO SMALL CHILDREN CONDUCTED DEMONSTRATION JUNE 3 ON SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF MOSCOW'S NATIONAL HOTEL, WHERE THEY STOOD FOR ABOUT THREE MINUTES WEARING PLACARDS DEMANDING REUNIFICATION OF FAMILY WITH BELOTSEKOVSKAYA'S HUSBAND. ACCOUNT OF DEMONSTRATION CORROBORATED JUNE 5 BY WESTERN JOURNALIST WHO HAD SPOKEN TO ACTIVIST WITH KNOWLEDGE OF EVENTS.

2. ACCORDING TO BOTH ACCOUNTS, AFTER THREE-MINUTE DEMONSTRATION, THREE KGB PLAINCLOTHESMEN USHERED BELOTSEKOVSKAYA AND CHILDREN INTO SIDE ENTRANCE OF HOTEL WHERE TWO-AND-ONE-HALF HOUR "CONVERSATION" ABOUT HER CASE ENSUED. KGB OFFICERS, WHO WERE REPORTEDLY VERY POLITE AND CALM THROUGHOUT INCIDENT, TOLD HER SHE COULD EXPECT TO RECEIVE EXIT VISA VERY SHORTLY. ACCORDING TO CONSOFF'S SOURCE AND JOURNALIST, ONE KGB OFFICER TOLD BELOTSEKOVSKAYA TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH HIM, RATHER THAN OVIR, IN FUTURE MATTERS RELATING TO HER CASE. FAMILY WAS NOT

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FORMALLY DETAINED OR ARRESTED AND DEPARTED SCENE

WITHOUT FURTHER INCIDENT.

3. EMBASSY WILL REPORT ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS AS
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